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Inventor: John F. ACRES et al.

For: COMPUTER NETWORK FOR CONTROLLING AND MONITORING GAMING DEVICES

This application is a ☒ continuation of prior application Serial No. 08/922,046, filed September 2, 1997, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/465,717, filed June 6, 1995, now US Pat. No. 5,836,817, which is a divisional of application Serial No. 08/322,172, filed October 12, 1994, now US Pat. No. 5,655,961.

Prior application info: Examiner: Jessica Harrison

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Applicant requests FIG. 1 to be published with the application.

Enclosures:

- ☒ Specification (pages 1-70); claims (pages 71-84); abstract (page 85) (copy of prior application)
- ☒ 34 sheet(s) of FORMAL drawings (copy of prior application)
- ☒ Copy of Preliminary Amendment filed in prior application as part of original application filing of the prior application (6 pages)
- ☒ Declaration or Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
 - ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
- ☒ Incorporation by Reference--The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status (see 37 CFR 1.27)
- ☒ Copies of Information Disclosure Statements with Form PTO 1449s and Form 892s from prior application
- ☒ Return Postcard

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- ☒ Cancel in this continuation application original claims 1-18, 21-61, 77, 81 and 82 of the prior application Serial No. 08/922,046 before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
- ☒ Please change the dependency of claim 78 from cancelled claim 77 to pending claim 68.
- ☒ Please insert the following as the first paragraph of the specification in this application, below the title of the invention:

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- ☒ A check in the amount of \$355 (ck. no. 032989) to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
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